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DEFENSE FOR ISA/FMRA

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SUBJ: ADDITIONWK COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES - ANTIGUA
ISLAND, W.I.
REF: STATE 50340; LONDON 4982

1. CLAY, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FCO, INFORMS US THAT WHILE HMG HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO US PROPOSAL, THEY ARE "FORMALLY COMMITTED TO FULLEST CONSULTATION" WITH GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA. HMG, THEREFORE, PROPOSES TO INSTRUCT DEP. BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO INFORM ANTIGUAN PREMIER "THAT USAF WISHES TO ACTIVATE GROUND TO AIR HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEM ON ANTIGUA UNDER TERMS OF 1961 DEFENSE AREAS AGREEMENT, THAT FACILITY WOULD BE ONE OF SYSTEM OF STATIONS KNOWN AS 'MYSTIC STAR NETWORK', AND THAT SYSTEM WOULD BE USED BY HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS' UP TO AND INCLUDING PRESIDENT, FOR COMMUNICATIONS DURING TRAVEL". DEPUTY BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM PREMIER THAT HMG CONSIDERS REQUEST TO FALL WITHIN TERMS OF 1961 AGREEMENT, AND THAT HMG PLANS TO GIVE CLEARANCE SHORTLY UNLESS PREMIER HAS ANY OBJECTION. HMG ALSO PROPOSES THAT PREMIER BE INFORMED USG OFFICIALS

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WILL DISCUSS DETAILS DIRECTLY WITH ANTIGUAN AUTHORITIES.

2. HMG REQUESTS EARLY APPROVAL FOR ABOVE INFORMATION
TO BE PASSED TO PREMIER AND THAT USG OFFICIALS WILL
DISCUSS DETAILS DIRECT WITH ANTIQUANS.

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